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SUBJ: SUCCESSION TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO

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1. GENERAL WIDODO MENTIONED IN PARA 8 SECOND REFTEL IS ARMY LT. GEN. WIDODO, HEAD OF THE JAVA-BALI-NUSA TENGGERA REGIONAL MILITARY COMMAND (KOWILHAN II) WHO, ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS IS DEFINITELY A MOSLEM. BELIEVE YOU MAY BE THINKING OF CHIEF OF NATIONAL POLICE WIDODO BUDIDARMO WHO IS A CHRISTIAN. WIDODO BUDIDARMO IS NOT A LIKELY CANDIDATE AS SUCCESSOR TO SUHARTO BOTH BECAUSE OF HIS RELIGION AND BECAUSE HE IS A POLICE RATHER THAN ARMY GENERAL.

2. WE WILL OF COURSE CONTINUE MONITOR TO BEST OF OUR ABILITY ATTITUDE OF MASS OF OFFICERS BELOW TOP LEVEL SO AS TO BE ABLE BETTER TO EVALUATE THIS IMPORTANT FACTOR IN EQUATION.
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